

## CHAPTER 108

(Senate Bill 227)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 2A and Section 8 of Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "State Department of Public Welfare", sub-title "Board of Welfare", to conform to the Governor's recommendations foot-noted on Page 92 of the 1949 Budget Bill, after Item 44, with respect to hospitals.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 2A of Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "State Department of Public Welfare", sub-title "Board of Welfare", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

2A. The State Department of Public Welfare shall be the central, coordinating and directing agency of all welfare activities in this State, including Aid to Dependent Children, Old Age Assistance, Public Assistance to the Needy Blind, General Public Assistance, Child Welfare Services, and any other welfare activities financed in whole or in part by the State or Federal Government. It shall exercise supervision, as hereinafter set forth, over all public and private institutions having the care, custody or control of dependent, delinquent, abandoned or neglected children. All of the activities of the County Boards, hereinafter provided for, and of the Department of Public Welfare of Baltimore City, which the State finances, in whole or in part, shall be subject to the supervision, direction and control of the State Department of Public Welfare. The State Department shall also investigate, from time to time, the whole system of public and private institutions, organizations and agencies of a charitable nature in this State, including those which receive part of their income from this State, except those placed by law under the supervision of another State agency. Prior to the convening of each regular session of the General Assembly, the Department shall furnish to the Governor a report of its activities and of the condition of all charitable institutions, organizations and agencies, excepting hospitals, receiving financial aid from the State; and it shall make recommendations as to appropriations for such institutions, giving its reasons therefor as fully as may be practicable.